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Excise Officers Arrest 67 People in W. Lafayette

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (Dec. 2) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 67 people on 77 charges while working in West Lafayette this weekend.

On Friday and Saturday nights, excise officers arrested 38 minors for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol, two of whom were taken to Central Hospital for medical treatment because of their levels of intoxication.

Early this morning, a 19-year-old girl from Ft. Wayne was taken to Central Hospital by Purdue Fire after excise officers found her bent over and vomiting in front of a dorm on Tower Road. The teenage girl tested .22% BAC and was unable to stand without assistance. She also didn't know where she was. At one point she told officers she thought she was still at Sigma Chi fraternity, where she said she had been drinking alcohol. Instead, she was in front of a dormitory. Concerned for her safety, officers contacted Purdue Fire, which transported her to the hospital for treatment.

In a separate incident this morning, a 20-year-old man from Columbus, Ind., was also taken to Central Hospital by Purdue Fire after he was so highly intoxicated that he was unable to stand without assistance from officers. His speech was slurred and he couldn't form coherent sentences. At one point, he told officers that Mitt Romney was president. The man, who said he was an EMT in Columbus, will face a charge of illegal consumption of alcohol.

Excise officers arrested 12 people for furnishing or providing alcohol to minors. Two minors were also charged with possession of false identification. Officers also cited 25 people for a variety of other offenses and issued 15 warning tickets for a variety of alcohol offenses and traffic violations.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.